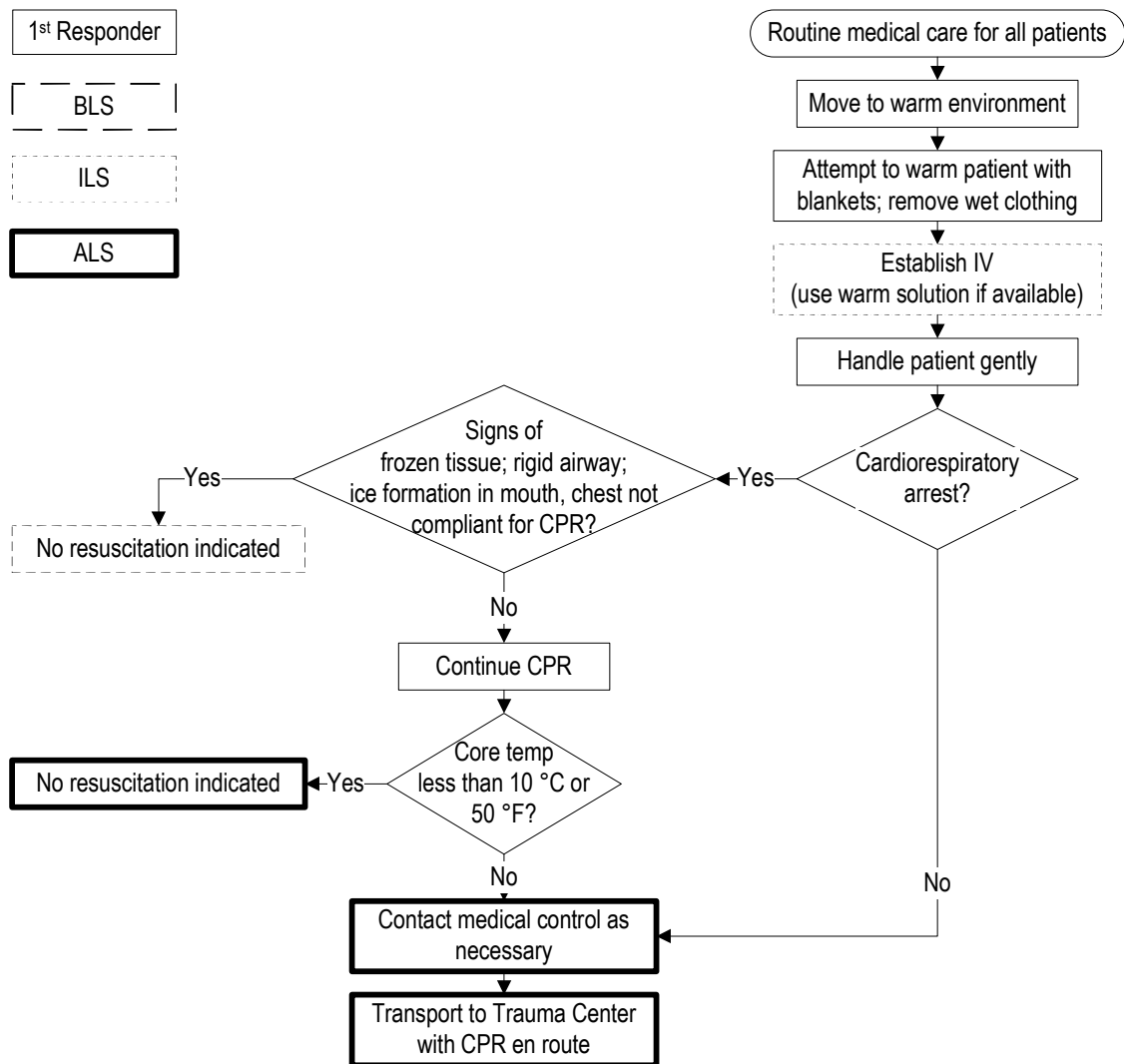


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS  
STANDARD OF CARE  
HYPOTHERMIA**

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History:	Signs/Symptoms:	Working Assessment:
Exposure to environment Extremes of age Drug use: Alcohol, barbiturates Patient wet History of infection	Cold Shivering or not Altered level of consciousness Pain or altered sensation to extremities Bradycardia Hypotension/shock	Hypothermia



**NOTES:**

- Hypothermia is defined as a core temperature less than or equal to 32°C or 90°F.
- Young and old patients are more susceptible to hypothermia.
- Shivering stops below 90°F or 32°C
- Hypothermic patients should be handled gently in an attempt to avoid ventricular fibrillation.
- Hypothermia may cause severe bradycardia. Pulses should be palpated for one full minute.